GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ERADICATION OF TB
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons dying of TB is thrice that of the people suffering from AIDS annually;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the increase in the number of TB patients is in any way linked with the spread of AIDS in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether with a view to make available better facilities for TB patients increased allocation of funds is proposed to be made to the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Deaths are not reported under the National TB Control Programme.However, it is estimated that 5 lakhs people die of TB every year in the country. So far as AIDS is concerned, the number of full-blown AIDS cases as reported upto 30th June, 2001 is 24087.The reported number of death due to AIDS as on 31st December, 2000 is 1,759.

(b) & (c) An individual suffering from AIDS has ten times increased risk of developing TB disease as compared to HIV negative person. The HIV/AIDS infection breaks down the immunity of the individual harbouring dormant Mycobacterium tuberculosis and thus the TB infection becomes active and manifested in the form of TB disease.Around 60% of the AIDS cases reported in India have evidence of active TB.

(d)& (e) With an objective to achieve a cure rate of 85%, Revised National TB Control Programme is being implemented in the country in a phased manner. Under the programme, 100% requirement of anti TB drugs and binocular microscopes for quality diagnosis are supplied as commodity grant by the Centre to the districts. For implementing the RNTCP cash assistance as Grants In Aid is given to the State and District TB Societies.